Station	Installed Capacity (MW)	Beneficiary States/UTs
Korba STPS	2100	Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
Vindhyachal STPS-I	1260	
Vindhyachal STPS-II	1000	
Kawas GPS	656	
Kakrapar APS	440	
Tarapur APS	320	
Gandhar GPS	657	
	Eastern Region	
Farakka STPS	1600	Bihar, Jharkhand, DVC, Orissa, West Bengal, Sikkim
Kahalgaon TPS	840	
Talcher STPS	1000	
Rangit HPS	60	
Chukha HPS (Bhutan)	270	
Kurichu HPS (Bhutan)	60	
	North Eastern Region	
Loktak HPS	105	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura
Khandong HPS	50	
Kopili Extn. HPS	200	
Kathalguri GPS	291	
Agartala GPS	84	
Doyang HPS	75	
Ranganadi HPS	405	

STPS - Super Thermal Power Station
TPS - Thermal Power Station
APS - Atomic Power Station
HPS - Hydro Power Station

Advance to contractor by NEEPCO

2434. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contractors are getting considerable interest free advance from North-East Electrical Power Corporation (NEEPCO) for executing hydel power project, causing considerable revenue loss;

(b) if so, the details of such contractors along with advance amount separately;

(c) whether it is also a fact that NEEPCO is taking money from the Government of India with interest; and

(d) the reasons for giving advance amount without interest to contractors?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) During the current financial year, Government of India has sanctioned Kameng HEP (600 MW) to be executed by North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO). According to NEEPCO, interest free advances have been given with security of equal amount of Bank guarantee to the following contractors as per their contract agreement for this project:

Sl. No.	Name of work in Brief	Name of Contractor	Advance paid
1.	Civil works of Bichom dam and part of HRT (Package-I)	M/s Patel-Unity JV	Rs. 14,38,10,000.00
2.	Civil works of Tenga dam and Part of HRT (Package-II)	M/s. Patel Engineering Ltd.	Rs. 11,63,95,000.00
3.	Civil works of Kimi powerhouse and part of HRT (Package-III).	M/s Patel Engineering Ltd.	Rs. 13,16,50,000.00
4.	Hydro-Mechanical works (Package-V)	M/s. OMML-JSC JV	Rs. 23,61,00,000.00

NEEPCO have further informed that interest free advance has not been given by them in any other project.

(c) In respect of Kameng HEP, Government of India has so far released part of the approval equity to NEEPCO, which does not carry any interest but earns a post tax return of 14% thereon after commissioning of the project. No loan from Government of India is envisaged for this project.

(d) According to NEEPCO, the provision of interest free advance has been kept in Kameng HEP with a view to keep the quoted price low. This provision has been made in the tender document to give equal opportunity to all the bidders, otherwise, bidders would have loaded in their bid the interest component along with service charges, thereon. This provison results in reduction of contract prices.

Providing more than 40 per cent as a grant to M.P.

†2435. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Central rural electrification policy financial assistance is fixed as 40 per cent in the form of grant and 60 per cent in the form of debt;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.